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SUBJECT: LORENZ CASE

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING DELABOULAYE REITERATED GOF VIEW (REFTEL C) THAT SOVIETS HAVE FAIR LEGAL CASE. ON THIS OCCASION HE ARGUED THAT SOVIETS WERE NEVER INFORMED OF TRIPARTITE LETTER REPORTEDLY SENT TO FRG AFTER SIGNING OF QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT SAYING THAT JUDICIAL MATTERS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED AS THEY HAD BEEN FROM 1951 ON. DESPITE THIS APPARENT LEGITIMACY OF SOVIET CLAIM, DELABOULAYE AGAIN SAID HE HAD GONE TO LIMIT OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS SINCE SOME BASIS MUST BE CREATED FOR LEGITIMATE REPLY TO SOVS; INDEED, HE AGAIN SAID, HE HAD PROBABLY EXCEEDED HIS INSTRUCTIONS IN INDICATING THAT GOF COULD ACCEPT THE DESIGNATION OF OBERLE AS
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HEAD OF PROSECUTION TEAM WITH AIDES FROM KARLSRUHE.

2. DELABOULAYE FURTHER REPEATED THAT THERE SHOULD BE FORMAL PUBLIC STATEMENT (WE UNDERSTAND THIS MEANS NOT RPT NOT JUST RESPONSE TO A QUESTION IN A PRESS CONFERENCE) THAT OBERLE IN CHARGE, AND HE HAD SO INFORMED GERMAN CHARGE IN PARIS YESTERDAY.

3. IN THIS CONTEXT DELABOULAYE ALSO INDICATED THAT FRENCH WERE A BIT CONCERNED THAT WISCHNEWSKI MAY BE DISCUSSING MATTERS WITH GDR REPS WHICH ARE IN PROVINCE OF ALLIES AND HE HAD THUS ALSO ALERTED GERMAN CHARGE TO THIS FRENCH CONCERN.

4. DELABOULAYE LEFT TO JOIN HIS FAMILY FOR HOLIDAYS THIS NOON AND THEREFORE WILL BE INCOMMUNICADO AT LEAST UNTIL TUESDAY. FOR TIME BEING, THERE IS NO REMAINING HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL IN MFA WITH WHOM WE COULD AGAIN DISCUSS LORENZ CASE FOR NEXT TWO DAYS ALTHOUGH URGENT DEMARCHE COULD OF COURSE BE MADE AT MEDIUM LEVEL DURING WEEKEND.
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